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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman
TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

***Re: Tennessee Coalition of Rural Incumbent Telephone Companies and
Cooperatives Request for Suspension of Wireline to Wireless Number
Portability Obligations Pursuant to Section 251(f)(2) of the
Communications Act of 1934, as Amended
Docket No. 03-00633***

Dear Chairman Tate:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and thirteen copies of The Coalition's Opposition to Motion to Intervene by SprintCom, Inc. in the above-referenced matter.

Should you have any questions with respect to this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number shown above.

. Thanking you in advance for your assistance with this matter, I am

Sincerely,

Tara L. Swafford

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Enclosures

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TENNESSEE COALITION OF RURAL)	
INCUMBENT TELEPHONE COMPANIES)	DOCKET NO. 03-00633
AND COOPERATIVES REQUEST FOR)	
SUSPENSION OF WIRELINE TO WIRELESS)	
NUMBER PORTABILITY OBLIGATIONS)	
PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(f)(2) OF THE)	
COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934, AS)	
AMENDED)	
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The Tennessee Coalition of Rural Incumbent Telephone Companies and Cooperatives (the "Coalition") hereby responds to the petition filed by SprintCom, Inc. d/b/a Sprint PCS ("Sprint") for leave to intervene in this proceeding. The Coalition opposes this petition as untimely filed due to the Scheduling Order that has already been entered in this case. The parties have already served discovery requests, and responses are due this Thursday, May 27, 2004. In addition, testimony is due next week on June 4, 2004. There is simply no time to accommodate the intervention of Sprint in this schedule.

Alternatively, if Sprint's petition to intervene is granted, then there will need to be additional time built into the Scheduling Order to provide for their intervention. A minimum of at least two to three weeks would be needed to accommodate this new party. Accordingly, the Coalition opposes the petition by Sprint to intervene or, in the alternative, suggests that the Scheduling Order be amended by moving the discovery and testimony deadlines and the interim suspension by approximately two or three weeks. The interim suspension would need to be

moved because there would not be enough time for the TRA to hold a hearing and render its decision by July 23, 2004 if the schedule is postponed by two or three weeks.

Respectfully submitted,
The Tennessee Coalition of
Incumbent Rural Telephone
Companies and Cooperatives

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